

I believe that telephone solicitations should be locally regulated just as "door to door" salesmen. A telephone solicitor, regardless of calling from location, would be required by federal regulations to contact local cities to obtain permit for telephone solicitations. Cities can restrict such solicitations to one company per day or per week or can possibly charge a fee for a permit. Cities would maintain the NO CALL LIST and would be permitted to charge solicitors for this list. Violations should be stiff fines, both local and federal, and significant abusers charged in federal court. Telephone solicitation is an immediate form of interruption, whereas postal solicitation or email, is examined or ignored at the consumers discretion and at a time when convenient. I also believe telephone solicitation to mobile/cell phones should be prohibited entirely. Telephone solicitors should also be required to include a caller ID which includes a character string identifying the caller as a solicitor (i.e., ADV: ). Local groups, businesses, non-profits, Scouts, churches, etc., would also be required to obtain a local solicitation permit. Cities could decide if the permit or NO CALL list has different fees for local businesses and non-profits.